28th March 1961]

Inauguration day of panchayats in Madurai

* 209 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that school children were compelled to attend a procession organised on the inauguration day of panchayats in Madurai; and

(*b*) if so, the authority who issued such an order to the heads of schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Did not the Government receive representation from the parents that their children were asked to go there and wait from 8 to 10?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We have not received any information.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : எந்த அரசியல் கட்சிகளைச் சேர்ந்த கிராமப் பஞ்சாயத்து விழாக்களிலும் ஊர்வலங்களிலும் அந்த ஊர் மாணவர்கள் கலந்து கொள்வது தவறு என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : தவறு என்று கருதவில்லை. ஆகையினால்தான் எந்தவிதமான நடவடிக்கையும் எடுக்க 8-10 p.m.
வில்லை.

Bus accident

* 210 *Q.*—SRI S. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report about the bus accident occurred recently on a bridge near the 15th mile on the Cuddalore-Vridhachalam Road; and

(*b*) if so, what it is, and the number of casualties involved?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Bus MDF. 2015 which left Cuddalore for Vridhachalam on the morning of 14th November 1960 met with an accident when passing over the culvert. Three lives were lost and 30 passengers were injured.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Was any compensation paid to the families of the deceased?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information about it, Sir.

Religious and Moral Instruction

* 211 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Central Government asking for their views on the recommendations of the Committee on Religious and Moral Instruction;

(b) whether the Government have communicated their views; and

(c) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that there is a large volume of opinion that with religious instruction there would be better discipline and better behaviour among boys in the schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Government are aware of it. As a matter of fact we ourselves constituted a committee to go into that question. Meanwhile a Central Committee was appointed and that is why this committee did not proceed further in the matter. We are awaiting the recommendations of the Central Committee with regard to this matter.

Untrained S.S.L.Cs.

* 212 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Special Officer-in-charge of Board Elementary Schools in Chingleput district has requested the Government for permission to employ untrained S.S.LCs.; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, we were told that the Special Officers-in-charge applied to the Director of Public Instruction for permission to appoint untrained S.S.L.Cs and the Director of Public Instruction advertised the posts twice and could not get Secondary Grade Trained teachers. May I know whether there is a proposal to empower the Special Officers to appoint untrained people if trained people are not available so that there may not be much delay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Whenever trained teachers are not available, the Director of Public Instruction can empower the Special Officers to recruit untrained S.S.L.Cs. The Government do not at this stage come into the picture.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that a large number of young boys aged 17 and 18, raw S.S.L.Cs., have been appointed on Rs. 90 plus Rs. 10 in many district board schools and aided elementary schools also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think that the trained teachers' scale of pay is applicable to untrained men.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : While just giving the information, may I request the Hon. Minister to see that higher grade trained teachers . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not a question.